

A GOOD RECORD FOR FIRST MONTH.

Plan to Attend the State Association.

MONTHLY REPORT—FIRST MONTH.

Room	Enrollment	Attendance	Per cent attendance	Per cent tardiness	Per cent absent	Visitors
1	51	50	98.7	40	3	9
2	40	35	87.5	36	2	6
3	38	37	97.4	29	0	6
4	38	35	92.1	28	1	6
5	42	41	97.6	29	4	6
High School	85	79	92.9	54	4	4
Colored	14	12	85.7	8	3	0
Total	308	288	93.5	224	20	37

The report for the first month is excellent in every item. The per cent of attendance for the main school is nearly 98. That of the colored school while not so high is above the average. The number present every day is nearly 73 per cent of the total enrollment, and the average daily attendance more than 93 per cent of the total enrollment. 39 per cent or considerably more than one-third of the High school enrollment are non-residents, many of them coming long distances, yet with tardy records kept twice each day, there were but seven cases of tardiness in the whole High school or two-tenths of 1 per cent. The grades made equal or better record, with but 13 cases of tardiness for 200 daily attendance. The number of visitors is also encouraging. Parent, it will be worth your while to spend a half day visiting the school. It is your largest investment. It will pay you to keep in close touch with the work. We have only words of commendation for the record made by pupils this month. Just one suggestion. Barring sickness and extremely bad weather, you should keep up to this standard. The fact that you have done so the first month is the best indication that you can do so the second month. May health and determination continue with you.

At the request of a large number of teachers who have indicated a desire to attend the State Teachers' Association at St. Joseph, November 10, 11, 12, County Superintendent Reavis has kindly consented to permit the state meeting to take the place of the fall association. This is as it should be. It is not practical to expend time and money to attend both of these associations, and the law requires us to attend one. Since the state association is so near us and may not be so again soon, let us by all means attend this meeting. There is entertainment, instruction and inspiration of the highest order for us. Besides a splendid visit with the progressive teachers and hospitable people of St. Joseph, with an opportunity to inspect an excellent school system and see a hustling city. Superintendent Whiteford and his corps of teachers, loyally assisted by the people of St. Joseph, are leaving nothing undone to make the stay of the visitors pleasant and profitable. The program is above the average; several of the leading educators of America will speak. St. Joseph is at our door. This is Holt county's meeting. Full pay for Thursday and Friday will be allowed all teachers who attend the association both days at least; through the happy arrangement by County Superintendent Reavis, by which we are relieved of the expense of attending the county association, every teacher in the county should plan to attend. In 1908 when the meeting was at Kansas City, Holt county was 20th in the list, having 9 members in a total of 116 teachers, or less than 8 per cent. We can take first place outside of Buchanan county this time. We hope every teacher in the county will make a supreme effort to attend. It will be well worth our while.

Teachers sent to patrons this week a statement of attendance, scholarship, and department of pupils for the first month. These records are made up with care from the pupil's interest, application, attention, school spirit, conduct during intermissions, in the class room, and in the study hall, accuracy of class recitation, and correctness as to form, English, and information in written lessons, tests and reviews. These grade cards can be studied by the pupil with profit and we sincerely hope they will receive the careful attention of the parents. They will be sent to you each month and until some one invents a better method they will constitute the largest part of our communication to you of the standing and progress of your child in school. It is out of the question for a dozen teachers to call up by phone the parents of 320 children and talk with them about the child's school work. Still less is it possible for the teacher to strike out over the district foot and visit the homes of all the pupils. Hence the grade card. Please take time to examine same. If satisfactory, sign, and hand back to pupil to be returned to the teacher. If grades are low, attendance poor, or deportment bad, do NOT sign but return to teacher without your signature and investigate at the earliest opportunity.

If you see a sophomore suddenly stop, peer into the weeds at the roadside a moment, then throw up his hand and give a wild leap into the grass or go galloping at full speed across the field, do not be alarmed; he has not lost his mental balance. 'Tis only a member of the Zoo class lunging at a grasshopper or beetle, or chasing a butterfly.

The first regular meeting of the Literary Society of the High school will occur Friday afternoon, October 14. The public is invited to visit these meetings. They are not for entertainment primarily, but to give practice to the pupils in presenting their thoughts, essays, recitations, musicals, readings and debates on the floor in the presence of others. Such training is needed and though we can give but limited time to this part of the school work, yet we shall try to make it valuable to the pupil.

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EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

Items of Interest to Holt County People.

(BY GEO. W. REAVIS, CO. SUPT.)

Miss Comer has resigned her school at Cottonwood and Miss Ruth Hall was elected to finish the term. Miss Hall is a graduate of the Mound City High School and will no doubt make good.

Wesley Baker has a good school at Richland. They have the closed water vessel and individual drinking cups. They are also interested in a school garden for the class in agriculture.

Brush College has a nice school garden and the pupils and teacher are enthusiastic over the results already obtained.

The rural school of today needs expert teachers who are able to teach agriculture in a systematic way and thereby tie the affections of the youth to the land. We need more people who are satisfied to live on the farm and become producers. One of the ways to create a love for the things of the farm is to teach agriculture in the rural schools. This will, if properly taught, make valuable contributions to the community. The school may try out the seeds, test the milk, judge the stock, test the soils, prune and spray the fruit trees, create higher ideals of landscape plans, and in many ways build up values.

All this cannot be done in one year, but by the assistance of experts from our Agricultural College at Columbia, who will come out to the rural schools and demonstrate lessons and instruct the teachers how to carry this work on, we shall be able in a few years to show the people results that are as yet undreamed of, and this is coming sure. The people will demand it, they have a right to it. More money should be given the College to enable it to send out more experts to assist the teacher in developing agriculture in the rural school.

R. H. Emberson is now the only man in the field representing the Agricultural College in the rural schools; there should be eight or ten of these experts and in that way good results will be brought about sooner.

Each teacher should by all means make a school garden and this will create an interest that will add much to the study. Culp, Forbes, Union, Burr Oak, Lincoln are examples of what the school garden will do. You try it, make notes of the work done, and see the added interest.

The teacher who will keep a neat, clean room, not be afraid to work, teach a little overtime, in short, do more than she gets paid for this year will, by so doing, paint the sign, "A Teacher Wanted," while the one who fails to do her duty is painting the sign, "A School Wanted." Which sign are you painting?

Several teachers who worked overtime last year to my certain knowledge are now receiving five to ten dollars per month increase in salary. When your work strikes 12 in the realm of perfection, it is time to quit. Not till then.

For Sale.

Two six-year-old Mares with spring horse colts by side. Mares weigh about 1000 pounds each; broke to work and gentle. Will take \$250 for mares and colts, or \$80 for colts, or will sell mares separate. Mares bred to McIntyre's jack.

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1 mile northeast Forbes, Mo.

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The Pioneers Are Passing.

The death of Andrew Meyer, which occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emma Rayburn, of Benton township, with whom he had made his home since the death of his wife, which occurred in February, 1899, removes another of the early-day pioneers of our county, and one who was greatly esteemed and honored by all our people. He lived to the Golden Rule, and was one of those whose word was as good as his bond.

Andrew Meyer was born in Baden, Baden, April 28, 1821, and died September 29, 1910, in the 90th year of his age. He came to this country with his father in 1834, locating in Wayne county, O. In May, 1843, they came to Holt county, and in August of that year he went over to the Iowa and Sac Indian reservation at Highland, Kan., and after following the plow for a brief time, he became the assistant blacksmith at the reservation.

In 1847 he enlisted in the Oregon Battalion for service in the Mexican war. He belonged to Col. Powell's regiment, and was mustered in at Leavenworth, July 14, 1847, crossing the plains to Fort Kearney. In 1848 he returned to Holt county and that winter went to Des Moines, Ia., where he bought land.

In company with his brother George, Judge McIntyre, General Craig, R. H. Russel, Jno. Utt, Jno. Blair and others—the party composed of 75 people and 25 loaded wagons, left the reservation for California. They reached their destination in August of that year, remaining there digging gold at Sutter's Mill, on the American river, until September, 1850, when he returned to Holt county, and began the farmers' life, which he continued until the infirmities of age compelled him to retire, at which time he was the owner of nearly 3,000 acres of rich farming lands.

In 1861 he was appointed county judge by Governor Gamble. In 1862 he was elected captain of militia, and was in active service about a month, being stationed at Lexington. He voted for Douglas in 1860, and was a pronounced Union man throughout the civil war and has since been a Republican.

The life of Andrew Meyer is coincident with the birth and life of Holt county. At the time of his coming the county was but two years of age, with perhaps not to exceed three dozen families. Five years following his coming the county had a population of only 2803, and the total assessed value of all property was \$184,695. There were only 386 voters in the county, and the county revenue but \$327. There were but two townships in the county, Lewis and Nodaway, and the county was reduced to its present size two years after he came here. The population of the county is now 14,500. It has 4000 voters, its assessable wealth is \$8,000,000 in lands and personal properties. In 1848 we had but 880 school children, while now we have 4164.

David R. Atchison was the circuit judge when he came to the county. John H. Hughes was the congressman, L. H. Barkhurst was the representative, R. H. Russel, sheriff, and the county bench was composed of John W. Kelley, John Stewart and James Kimsey.

Father Meyer bore the privations of pioneer life with fortitude and eventually built himself a comfortable home and enjoyed a deserved competence in his old age.

August 20, 1851, he married Mary Seerist, and was the father of thirteen children, eleven of whom survive; these are: Mrs. Anna Long, and George, and Mrs. Emma Rayburn, of Mound City; Henry and Willard, of the Shiloh district; Alf and Marve, of Delta, Col.; Arnilda, of Trenton, Mo.; Robert, of Idaho; Don, of Kansas City, and Charles, of Oregon. All of these were present at the funeral except Alf, of Delta, and Robert, of Idaho. His brother George and wife were also unable to be present, they being absent in the northwest, as also his sister, Mrs. Hornecker, by reason of infirmities.

There were eight boys and one girl in this family, and with the death of Andrew there only remains George, now 83 years of age, and sister, Mary Hornecker, now nearing 80 years, of Oregon. Jacob died August 27, 1873, aged 37; Christian, November 14, 1878, aged 47; William, July 30, 1880, aged 40; John, August 3, 1894, aged 76; Gottlieb, February 23, 1907, aged 70; Martin, October 4, 1886, aged 67; Andrew, September 29, 1910, aged 89.

The parents of these children, Andrew Meyer, Sr., died October 3, 1840, aged 56, and the mother, Mary Adolph Meyer, died November 28, 1858, aged 62.

Besides the eleven children there are 27 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren surviving.

Impressive funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church in Mound City, Sunday afternoon, 2d inst., and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Ferguson, and the remains were followed to their last resting place in Mt. Hope cemetery, by a large concourse of deeply grieved relatives and sympathizing friends. Mr. Meyer had been identified with the Presbyterian church since 1879.

A beautiful song service was arranged, Mrs. Ida Scott singing, "Abide With Me." Many beautiful floral offerings came from relatives and friends.

A goodly number of relatives and friends from this vicinity attended the funeral.

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Sunday School Lesson for Oct. 9, 1910
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—Matthew 25:14-30. Memory verse 23.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord."—Matt. 25:21.

TIME.—Tuesday afternoon, April 4, A. D. 29. Immediately following the last lesson.

PLACE.—On the slopes of Mount Olivet, overlooking Jerusalem.

Suggestion and Practical Thought.

The parable shines clearest in the light of the circumstances. Jesus and his disciples are still on Olivet, overlooking Jerusalem and the Temple in all their glory. Jesus had just foretold their destruction. Let the disciples learn a necessary lesson from the cause of that ruin.

Many and great talents had been committed to the Jewish nation. No nation had ever received so great a trust as they—the divine Revelation, religious truth, and best of all the Messiah, the Son of God; and thus power to become a blessing to all the world.

This nation had refused to use these talents intrusted to them; again and again they had buried the talent instead of using it; and now they were about to murder their Messiah, instead of using him, and thus to bury this talent in the earth.

The parable lay in full view before the disciples' eyes. What the city then was, multiplied into the new Jerusalem of the Revelation, could have been theirs evermore by faithful use of the divinely entrusted talents. The loss of all, "the outer darkness," "the weeping and gnashing of teeth," as the fruit of unfaithfulness, lay in the prophetic vision shown by Christ.

And now that buried talent was brought forth and was to be entrusted to the disciples and to the Christian church they were to found. The five talents were now offered to them, and the vital question was what they would do with them. The two courses were made very plain to them by the parable. It was written in letters of light on their sky, printed indelibly on their minds.

A man traveling into a far country, and therefore wishing to leave his affairs in competent hands. He represents Jesus Christ who was about to leave his disciples and go to heaven, which was a far country in the sense that his servants could not have visible communication with him. He was to leave the spread of the gospel, and the salvation of the world in the hands of his disciples, although he was with them in invisible but real presence.

The servants denote all those to whom the interests of the kingdom of heaven were entrusted. The Jewish rulers are among those represented by the man with one talent, for they looked upon the kingdom of God placed in their charge as a matter of small account compared with their own selfish interests. The apostles and early Christian leaders received some five talents, some two, some one; and so do all Christ's professed followers, and all who have received from Christ the privileges and blessings of his gospel. The principle applies to all men, for all have been entrusted by God with many things.

Robert Louis Stevenson was talking one day to the children of a school in Samoa about the Parable of the Talents, and told them there were three possessed by them all. Tongues, to be used to make all about them cheerful and happy. Faces, to be kept as bright as a new silver coin, that they might shine like lamps in their homes. Hands, to be kept employed in useful work cheerfully done.

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant. He had his lord's approval. Faithfulness, not success, nor the amount gained, was rewarded. God will say "Well done" only to those who have done well. There are no empty compliments in the day of judgment. "Hallelujah Chorus" he saw the heavens opened and all the angels and the great God himself! A modest man of moderate ability said that he could not expect God's Well done, but he did expect that he would say, Well tried; Well attempted.

Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord, participate in his joy and share with him in his pleasure, the same kind of joy which our Lord himself feels. Leighton's words on this entering into the joy of the Lord are beautiful: "It is but little we can receive here, some drops of joy that enter into us, but there we shall enter into joy, as vessels put into a sea of happiness." The joy of the Lord Jesus Christ, of which the faithful, like him, shall partake in some measure here, and in its fullness hereafter, is the joy of a free activity in doing right, like the joy of motion in health, like the song of a bird in the morning.

Edward Everett Hale writing of George Washington says: "He was always subordinating himself to the duty that was before him. He was born, as we saw, to small opportunities; he made them great. He was educated with comparatively small advantages; he made them the first of advantages. He was brought up among simple people. He learned among the simple people the way in which to dictate to kings and to handle generals. You must let me reverently repeat the words of Scripture: 'He was faithful in a few things; he was made ruler over many things.'"